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SUBJECT: EGYPT REACTS TO SYRIAN OPERATIONS IN LEBANON

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1. EGYPTIAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL CALL FOR EMERGENCY
SIX-SIDED (INCLUDING ARAFAT AND SARKIS) MINI SUMMIT WITHIN
48 HOURS TO DISCUSS SYRIAN OFFENSIVE DOMINATES MEDIA SEPT. 30.
ACCORDING TO PRESS, NSC ACTED AFTER URGENT COMMUNICATION TO SADAT
FROM ARAFAT DETAILING "EXTREMELY CRITICAL" SITUATION FACED BY PLO
AND NATIONALIST FORCES.

2. JUMBLATT MET WITH SADAT FOR SECOND TIME SEPT.29 AND CLAIMS
TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ARAFAT AND NATIONALIST FORCES.
JUMBLATT ANNOUNCED TO PRESS THAT SYRIAN FIFTH DIVISION HAS
INTERVENED WITH 3000 TROOPS. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT
SYRIA HAS PROPOSED TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE IN SOFAR (SARG,
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PLO AND SARKIS) WITH TWO CONDITIONS: (A) APPROVAL OF

CEASE-FIRE AFTER RESISTANCE AGREES TO IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM MOUNT LEBANON; AND (B) SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS TO START SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SOFAR, HEADED BY KHADDAM, TO DISCUSS FUTURE DISPOSITION OF SYRIAN AND PLO FORCES. JUMBLATT SAID PLO HAD REJECTED SYRIAN INITIATIVE, DEMANDING INSTEAD WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN FORCES TO LOCATIONS PRIOR TO SEPT. 28.

3. BEST OF JUMBLATT COMMENTS APPEAR HAVE LITTLE RELATION TO REALITY. JUMBLATT OPINED THAT SOVIET ARMS IN HANDS OF ANTI-PALESTINIAN SYRIANS IN LEBANON, PROVIDED BY "INTERNATIONAL MAFIA WHICH SELLS ARMS TO ANYONE; THIS MAFIA EXISTS IN BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN COUNTRIES AND IT SETS ARMS' PRICES IN EFFORT TO GAIN MAXIMUM HARD CURRENCY. FURTHERMORE, CIA HAS LARGE QUANTITY OF SOVIET ARMS WHICH IT SELLS TO SYRIA TO SUPPORT ISOLATIONIST FORCES IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST NATIONALISTS." JUMBLATT DEPARTED CAIRO FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO VISIT BAGHDAD.

4. COMMENT: LOCAL MEDIA, DESPITE SYRIAN OFFENSIVE, REFUSING TO ADMIT GOE HAS LOST INITIATIVE ON LEBANESE MATTERS. HOW GOE HOPING TO PERSUADE SARG TO ATTEND MINIM SUMMIT NOT ADDRESSED IN PRESS.
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